# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1875
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2003
VIABILITY OF BANGALORE/HYDERABAD AIRPORT
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Bangalore and Hyderabad Airports are considered as unviable by the promoters;

(b) if so, whether the projects are likely to be delayed due to this;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to overcome this problem;

(d) whether the Government of Karnataka has approached the Union Government in this regard;

(e) if so, whether the Government have agreed to offer a sum of Rs.100 crore as long term zero interest loan to Bangalore International Airport Company Limited;

(f) whether the Government are initiating steps to amend AAIAct for exclusion of airports built with private fund from the control of AAI; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK )

(a) & (b):- The promoters of the Greenfield airports at Bangalore and Hyderabad considered the projects to be unviable without appropriate State support.

(c):- The Government of Karnataka has committed a state support of Rs.400 crores for the Bangalore airport project besides providing land and other associated infrastructure at concessional rates. Government of Andhra Pradesh is yet to finalise the State support for the Hyderabad airport. Central Government has announced a package of concessions for these greenfield airports in Budget 2002-2003.

(d):- Yes Sir.

(e):- No Sir.

(f)&(g):- The present Airports Authority of India Act is applicable to all airports other then airports belonging to armed forces of the Union. A comprehensive Amendment Bill is proposed to be introduced in the ongoing session of the Parliament which will, inter-alia, provide for exemption of private airports from the purview of the present Airports Authority of India Act, except for security and Ait Traffic Control.